

## Thomas to Lead Fight To Keep Farm Prices Near Recent Highs

By the Associated Press  
Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Oklahoma, said yesterday he will lead a fight in the next Congress to keep farm prices near recent high levels.

"Votes of farmers and farm States provided the biggest surprises in the recent election," he told a reporter. "I have a four-point program that will have support of friends of the farmer in Congress who can remember the election results."

Senator Thomas will be chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee when Democrats take over control in January.

**Differs With Brannan.**  
The Oklahoma veteran says some of his Federal farm proposals collide with those of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and other administration leaders.

1. A high rate of Government price-supporting loans and purchases at or near 90 per cent of parity prices. (A parity price is one computed to give a farm product the same relative purchasing power it had in a past favorable period).

2. Government construction and ownership of a Nation-wide chain of storage elevators for corn and wheat and warehouses for cotton and other crops. These would be used to store crops under the price-support program.

3. Revision of the parity-price

formula to cover increases in wages paid to hired farm labor and to give credit for labor of the farmer and his family. This would boost the level of Government price supports under present conditions.

4. Defeat of any international wheat marketing agreement that might force down grain prices in this country or result in subsidizing exports to foreign buyers.

### Calls Program Unfair.

Senator Thomas said farmers cannot fairly be asked to feed and clothe the Nation under a price-support program that dips as low as "60 per cent of parity or fair prices" for major crops.

Government loans and supports are scheduled to drop this low in a period of surplus under a farm bill passed by the last Congress.

### Truman

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specting the silver service, the presidential party and other special guests partook of a buffet luncheon in the flag quarters of the Missouri.

At 2:45 p.m. Mr. Truman went back aboard the yacht Williamsburg, on which he had come to Norfolk, for the return trip to Washington where he is due at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

### Gift Suggested by Truman.

In making the presentation, Gov. Donnelly told the gathering, which included high ranking officers from throughout the area, that the original suggestion for the gift came from Mr. Truman. He paid tribute to the President's service as a World War I soldier and as a statesman.

Accepting, Capt. Thach asserted that the Missouri had become a "national shrine" and that wherever the ship goes, the people are eager to see the two bronze plates in the "surrender deck"—actually the gun deck—reciting the history of September 2, 1945, when the Japanese signed the articles of surrender. It was on this deck that the silver service was presented.

The President—who put the Missouri in commission when he was a Missouri Senator, recalled that incident and the fact that his daughter Margaret had christened the vessel.

### Called Symbol of Might.

He called the Missouri a "symbol of the Nation's might in war and a symbol of might in peace."

Mrs. Truman and Margaret were in the company today, as were Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Sullivan.

A nose bleed forced Mrs. Truman to leave the surrender deck during the ceremony and retire to a cabin. She was the first of the President's party to leave the Missouri after the luncheon, returning to the Williamsburg.

As the President was leaving, a woman in a fur coat broke away from a group of civilians standing in a roped-off area on the pier and ran toward the Chief Executive. Two Secret Service men grabbed her and escorted her back up the pier, despite her protest that she "only wanted to say hello to the President."

## Funeral Services Today For Mrs. Sarah Kelley

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon for Mrs. Sarah DuRant Kelley, 73, of 2316 Forty-first street N.W., who died Friday night in Emergency Hospital after a long illness.

The services will be in the Gawler funeral home, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

A native of Sumter County, S. C., Mrs. Kelley came here in 1923. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and had been active in Red Cross work during World War I.

A widow, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Tomasello, with whom she lived; three sisters, Miss Kate DuRant, New York City; Mrs. Marie Grady, Arlington, and Mrs. M. C. Talbot, Tampa, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Robert R. Gomez, Omaha, Neb.

### Westbrook PTA to Meet

The Westbrook Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the school at Westgate, Md.



NORFOLK—"MIGHTY MO" GETS SILVER SERVICE—President Truman looks over part of the silver service presented to the battleship Missouri yesterday by Gov. Donnelly (right), on behalf of the State of Missouri. Secretary of the Navy Sullivan (left) and Capt. James H. Thach, Jr., the Missouri's skipper, look on.

## U. S. Judge Orders Release Of 2 Ex-Capone Gangsters

By the Associated Press

ATLANTA, Dec. 4.—Two ex-Capone gangsters, Louis Campagna and Charles Gioe, were ordered released on habeas corpus writs by Federal Judge Marvin Underwood today.

Judge Underwood said the two, "Little New York" Campagna and "Cherrynose" Gioe, should be discharged within 15 days.

The 15-day delay was granted by Judge Underwood to permit the Federal Government to issue new warrants for parole violations, or appeal the verdict.

Both were convicted in New York in 1943 and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on charges of violating the anti-trust law. They were paroled August 13, 1947, and were rearrested for parole violation July 23, 1948.

The warrants for their rearrest were signed by Judge Fred Rogers, member of the United States Board of Parole.

Attorneys for the two contended the parole board had not produced sufficient evidence to justify revocation of their paroles.

Gioe and Campagna were convicted with five other men of conspiring to extort more than \$1,000,000 from motion-picture executives.

### Lincoln PTA to Meet

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By the Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 4.—The esteem of an entire neighborhood, including its canine representatives, was heaped on Herbert Volkmeier today.

When Mr. Volkmeier, who has carried mail in the area of Linwood and Avon avenues 31 years, stepped up to a storage box to get a batch of mail for delivery, it was the signal for residents of the neighborhood to appear.

They presented the 53-year-old mail carrier with \$1,000 in Government bonds, plus about \$70 in cash as an expression of their esteem for his friendly services. More than 100 persons from the 130 homes on Mr. Volkmeier's route, were on hand for the curbstone ceremony.

Postmaster A. A. Vandyke read a message to Mr. Volkmeier from Postmaster General J. M. Donaldson, who said: "You have been one of the best—if not the best—good will agents of the postal service."

During the affair a half dozen dogs that follow Mr. Volkmeier on his route daily sat silently on their haunches.

The ceremony over, Mr. Volkmeier, dabbed at his eyes and shouldered his mail bag. But another carrier stepped up and took over the route for the day.

## Maryland's Seal Sale Nets \$20,000 in Week

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, Dec. 4.—The first week's sale of Christmas seals brought the Maryland Tuberculosis Association about \$20,000, the society reported today.

The goal is \$300,000. The clergy of the State have been asked to urge their congregations tomorrow to purchase seals.

## Christmas Party Tuesday

The Edgewood-Glenwood Citizens' Association will hold a Christmas party at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Meadowbrook Lodge. All residents of the area are invited.

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## Griffis to Direct Relief Of Palestine Refugees

By the Associated Press

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Stanton Griffis, United States Ambassador to Egypt, was appointed tonight director of United Nations relief for Palestine refugees.

Mr. Griffis, Red Cross commander in the Pacific Ocean area in 1944 and 1945, arrived in Paris today.

His first act on the new job was to appoint as his advisor Bayard Dodge, former president of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Mr. Dodge was managing director of Near East relief after World War I.

Mr. Griffis will supervise a U. N. program of relief for more than half a million refugees, mostly Arabs from the fighting areas in Palestine.

The General Assembly on November 19 approved a program calling for an advance of \$5,000,000 immediately from U. N. working capital funds and an additional \$29,500,000 for the period from December 1 to August 31, 1949, all to be contributed voluntarily by member states and other countries.

Mr. Dodge is to leave at once for Beirut to speed the plans.

Mr. Griffis was Ambassador to Poland until his appointment to Cairo this year. He has been granted leave from the diplomatic service to perform his new job.

## 24 Freight Cars Derailed In Wreck on Pennsy

By the Associated Press

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 4.—Derailment of an eastbound Pennsylvania Railroad freight scattered 24 cars over yards of roadbed today at Petersburg, 6 miles west of here. No one was injured.

Nearly a quarter of a mile of roadbed was torn up by the derailed cars, part of a 84-car train. All four tracks of the railroad's main East-West line were blocked by the cars.

Only one train was halted because of the wreck. It was a West-bound New York to Pittsburgh passenger train which was stopped at Huntingdon. Its 100 passengers were transferred by bus to Altoona where a new train was made up for the remainder of the trip.

Several other trains, however, were delayed by as much as two hours.

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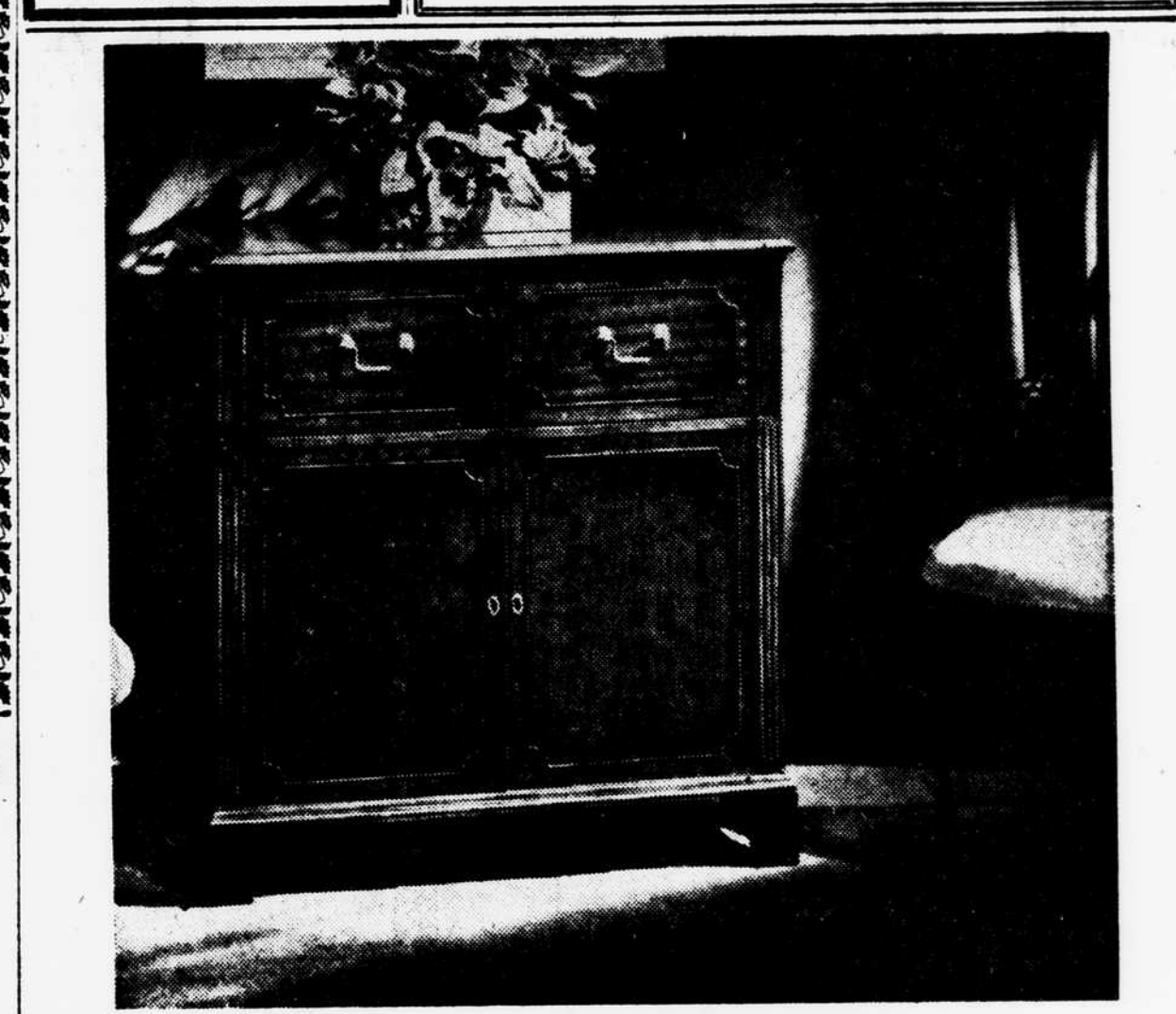
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